taken and recommendations made were :—

(i) the signing of an agreement on cooperation in agricultural research, (ii) consideration of the draft text for a Cultural Agreement, (iii) waiver of the requirement of police reporting in respect of bonafide businessmen and holders of transit visas, (iv) finalisation of through railway booking facilities between designated railway stations with effect from 1st Oct, 1985, (v) agreement on setting up of a working group for cooperation in the field of planning to be preceded by a seminar in Islamabad on the same subject, (vi) agreement on exchange of information to check the illegal trafficking in narcotics, and (vii) exchange of Radio correspondents.

Crimes against women and girls

247. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether crimes against women and girls have been on the increase in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of crimes reported, category-wise, during each of the quarters in 1983, 1984 and so far in 1985; and

(c) what special steps are being taken to effectively curb such crimes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMED KHAN): (a) and (b) A statement (*See below*) is laid on the Table of House.

(c) Some of the important steps taken by Delhi Police to effectively curb such crimes are as under :—

(i) Increased police vigilance at strategic places like schools, colleges, bus stops, shopping centres etc.

(ii) Intensive foot and mobile patrolling including armed patrolling with walkie-talkie sets and wireless fitted motor-cycles.

(iii) A new section 498-A IPC has been made cognizable as per criminal law amendment Act, 1983 No. 56 dated 26-12-1983 which deals with complaints regarding harassment to women by husband or relations of husband.

(iv) Public is being educated for eradication of the evil of dowry through radio, TV and other media.

(v) A short stay home has been set up by Delhi Admn. at Tihar Road, for use by women in distress to enable them to tide over their period of distress.

(vi) A Special Cell has been created in Delhi Police to deal with the incidents of Dowry deaths and bride burning under the supervision of a Dy. Commissioner of Police.

(vii) Instructions for getting the post-mortem conducted by two surgeons in Dowry death cases have been issued to eliminate chances of manipulation.

Statement

	Rape	Molestation of women	Dowry/ death	Snatching	Kidnapping	Abduction
1983						
Jan-March (1st Quarter)	22	12	9	25	104	21
April-June (IInd Quarters)	27	22	13	26	152	30
July-Sept. (3rd Quarter)	22	23	11	36	120	24
Oct-Dec. (4th Quarter)	20	21	10	16	115	23
1984						
Jan-March (1st Quarter)	30	25	11	15	125	35
April-June (2nd Quarter)	33	35	11	23	198	49
July-Sept. (3rd Quarter)	31	33	10	39	202	62
Oct-Dec. (4th Quarter)	26	18	9	29	130	26
1985						
Jan-March	22	26	12	25	143	34
April-June	26	25	14	36	178	41

Progress of Narora Atomic Power Project

248. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that progress of Narora Atomic Power Project has been stalled due to technical difficulties;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) by when the Government expect to complete the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The two units are expected to be commissioned in 1987-88 and 1988-89 respectively.

India's opposition to alterations in the Antarctica Treaty

249. SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have expressed their opposition to any alterations in the Antarctica Treaty;

(b) Whether this marks a departure from earlier policies on the subject; and